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SUBJECT:

Murderous Attack on Wedding Party at the Medium Club, Weihai-wei Road - Interrogation of the Bridegroom.
TU CHIU HSU.

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On 10-10-40 detectives attached to C.B.H.Q. C.I. whilst rendering assistance to the Japanese Gendarmerie conducted a raid at House No.4 Lane 429 Amiral Bayle. wherein it was believed members of an anti-Japanese terrorist organization were residing.

No arrests were made however, but a search of the room resulted in the seizure of five mauser pistols, three Smith & Wesson Revolvers and 1330 rounds of ammunition.

Amongst these firearms one, a mauser auto 7.63, No.691746 was upon examination found to have been used in this crime.

This same pistol was also used in the murder of Supt. Tan Shao Liang. B'Well F.I.R.2556/40.

Arrests which were made during the course of enquiries were closely interrogated, but none could be connected with the Medium Club murder.

It is believed that the firearms belonged to a section of a Pro Chungking Terrorist Organization known as the "Blue Shirts", which section was under the command of one named Wong Tsung (王成) who has not yet been arrested.

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REPORT

Date October 23, 1939.

Subject. Murderous attack on wedding party at the Medium Club,
Weihaiwei Road - Interrogation of bridegroom -
TU CHIUN MOU (杜震謀)

Made by D.S.I. MacAdie Forwarded by C. Tabrum

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In response to a telephone call from D.I. Tabrum, D.S.I. MacAdie proceeded to Bubbling Well Station at 5.30 p.m. with the object of interrogating one TU CHIUN MOU, whose wedding ceremony at the Medium Club, 674 Weihaiwei Road was the target for an attack by a group of armed men who at 4.30 p.m. October 22nd opened fire on the guests killing and wounding a number, afterwards making good their escape.

TU CHIUN MOU, the bridegroom was not hurt, and was taken to Bubbling Well Station, where he admitted being the acting chief of the Propaganda Department of the "Great People Society," 22 Columbia Road and claimed that he suspected one ZUNG ZUNG SHING (鄭仲生), a relative of his, who is a man of the loafer type to be responsible for the shooting owing to a private grudge. However, as it was suspected that the attack had other motives, he was brought to Special Branch Headquarters, where it was expected that he could be persuaded to release some information that would serve in elucidating the case. Questioned with the assistance of D.S.I. Liac Chung Chien, TU could not be persuaded to divulge any more than what he had stated in Bubbling Well Station, i.e. he is the acting Chief of the Propaganda Department of the "Great People Society" at 22 Columbia Road, which has a total membership of 30,000 persons, of whom,

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some 5,000 are in Shanghai. He also repeated his statement regarding his suspicion of his relative ZUNG ZUNG SHING. However, when it was pointed out to him that ZUNG, who according to his (TU's) statement, was a man without means and would not be able to employ a gang in possession of several pistols and that it was hardly credible that ZUNG would resort to what amounted to a massacre of TU's friends and relatives to satisfy a private grudge, however bitter he felt, TU admitted that he himself was at a loss to understand the case. Seeing that further persuasion would prove fruitless he was requested to make a voluntary statement as to his antecedents, which he agreed. (A copy of his statement is attached hereto). Subsequently, TU was sent back to Bubbling Well Station at 8.50 p.m. October 22.

It is of interest to note that the gangsters responsible carried out the shooting in a wanton and reckless manner, indicating that no particular persons had been selected as the victims of attack. However, they did direct their fire to one particular side and this fact is of the utmost importance in seeking a motive for the affair. As is the custom in China the guests at a wedding party are divided into two sides, male and female, and generally guests of each sex stand on the side indicated although naturally some encroaching is done for the purpose of

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conversation etc. Both TU CHIUN MOU and his wife admitted that all the firing was done in the direction of the female side. As most of the children present are on this side, the attack is made to appear even more brutal.

In this light, the allegation that the embittered relative ZUNG ZUNG SHING was responsible can be discounted and his presence in the early stage of the ceremony when he attempted to extort ^{be} money is likely to/merely a coincidence or possibly a blind. Again, assassination was not the motive as had the attack been the work of Chungking elements, and the bridegroom the intended victim he could have been shot much more conveniently and effectively, entering or leaving the reception, while it must be noted that a far more important political person namely, the Chief of the "Great People Society," LI Yoeh-quin (李玉勤) was present. The attack being the work of other pro-Japanese cliques for motives of jealousy or friction may also be ruled out for the same causes.

There seems to be only one reason why the fire was directed away from the male guests, that is the possibility that the attackers were of the same political sympathies and did not wish to shoot their own men. If this is so then the only explanation is that the attack was staged to embarrass the Settlement Authorities. It took place in the

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Settlement, was directed against pro-Japanese elements and followed closely on the events in the Western District. It may serve as a lever to protest against the inefficiency of the Shanghai Municipal Police, to divert attention from the attacks on the Shanghai Municipal Police in the Western District or to attempt to show that the killings in the Western District are the work of anti-Japanese elements since it will be pointed out that such elements must have been active in Shanghai because they attacked pro-Japanese officials in the Settlement.

It will be recalled that a number of the members of the WANG CHING WEI armed gang, known as the Chung Kuo Kuomintang Anti-Comintern and National Salvation Army, were formerly members of another group named "Iron and Blood Corps." They were responsible for numerous armed outrages in the Western District, O.O.L., in the early part of the current year. They were responsible for several cases of indiscriminate shootings in Jessfield Area, including the firing on a police van on February 22, 1939 in Jessfield Road which resulted in the death of C.D.C.162, LIU ZANG HUNG. After joining the pro-WANG CHING WEI faction they took part in other indiscriminate shooting affrays including the one in front of the Chinese American Daily News, No.162 Avenue Edward VII, on July 22, 1939.

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The methods used in the attack on the wedding party as regards reckless firing and the cool manner in which the gangsters took their departure are strongly reminiscent of the workings of the armed gang in question.



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D.C. (Special Branch).

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The following is the statement of Tu Chuin Kou (杜君謀), aged 27
native of Quinsan taken by me D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien
at on the 22nd, October, and interpreted by 1939.

My name is Tu Chuin Kou (杜君謀), aged 27, native of Quinsan, residing at No.32 Yu Koh Tsung (遇谷弄), Yu Yuen Road, C.C.L. At the age of seventeen, I graduated from the Quinsan Middle School, Quinsan, and went to join the Yangchow Flour Mill, Yangchow, as a clerk. At the age of 20 I was transferred to Shanghai and worked in the same capacity with the Shanghai Office of the flour mill situated at corner of Changsha and Avenue Roads. The flour mill closed when the Sino-Japanese hostilities broke out in Shanghai in August 1937. In September 1938, I was appointed a clerk of the Shanghai Branch of the Great People Society, at No.22 Columbia Road, through the recommendation of Kao Ming (高明), the brother of Kao Soh (高朔), the late Chief of the Great People Society. In July 1939, the chief of the propaganda department of the society, one named Li resigned and I was nominated as the acting chief of the said department. I have some ten office colleagues but none of whom has any private grudge against me. As to my friends and relatives, only one Zung Zung Shing (尊誠興), my brother-in-law, is not on good terms with me, he being a man without means. On the morning of October 22, he came to my house and demanded a sum of money. He was given \$5 by my uncle and left expressing much dissatisfaction with the amount he was given.

My father died when I was seven years old. As my family was in possession of some 100 mow of land in Quinsan I was able to complete my middle school education.

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My father-in-law, Chen Yu Tsi (陳雨濟), was formerly an accountant of the Ah Silk Factory in Soochow. He has been unemployed since the outbreak of current hostilities and is at present residing in a dried goods shop in Yang Hong Ka, Wantao, which is owned by one of his relatives. My wife, Chen Seu Kwen (陳守坤) has no employment and is not interested in politics.

During my wedding ceremony at 5.30 p.m. on October 22, Li Yoeh-qgin, Chief of the Shanghai Branch of the Great People Society, and several other senior members of the organization were present but none of them were wounded during the shooting as the armed men directed their fire on the female guests.